



PATENT
Docket No. 4004.001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ARAM, et al.

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RELATED METHODS"

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Please consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action of

September 1, 2006, and amend the application as follows: